Indo-Oman joint venture projects

4102. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set-up some joint venture projects in collaboration with Oman;

(b) whether such indo-Oman joint venture projects were set-up in the past;

(c) if so, the details, thereof; and

(d) the new proposals which are pending at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Government of India/Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd./Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. and the Sultanate of Oman/Oman Oil Company on 30th July, 1994 to prepare a Detailed Feasibility Report for setting up an ammonia-urea Fertilizer project in Oman at an estimated cost of US $ 897 million (now revised to US $ 1106 million, including financing charges. The Detailed Feasibility Report of the project has been completed. Various agreements connected with the project have been discussed at different levels and are at advanced stage of finalisation.

(b) No Indo-Oman joint venture project in the fertilizer sector has been set up in the past.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No other new fertilizer project proposal in pending at present.

Filling-up of the Vacancies Reserved for SCs/STs

4103. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quota of posts reserved for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes has been filled-up in the Ministry of Agriculture during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, category-wise;

(c) if the reply to part (b) be in the negative, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the backlog for the posts reserved for SCs/STs is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (d) the required information is being collected from all attached/subordinate offices of the Ministry, located all over the country which is likely to take some time. The information when collected will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Financial Position of national Seeds Corporation

4104. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the profits and losses of National Seeds Corporation in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether there is a proposal to streamline the functioning of National Seeds Corporation;

(c) whether any study has been done on the methods of improvement in the functioning of NSC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) As National Seeds Corporation was not preparing region-wise profit and loss account, it is not possible to indicate the profit and loss incurred by NSC in Andhra Pradesh for the years from 1992-93 to 1994-95.

(b) In order to improve the functioning of the Corporation, restructuring of the Corporation was undertaken unde